

## SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE

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You are listening to Amateur Radio Station ZS6SRL of the South African Radio League, the National society for Amateur Radio in South Africa, with a news bulletin that is broadcast every Sunday at 08:15 Central Africa Time (CAT) in Afrikaans and at 08:30 CAT in English.

This bulletin is also available on the website of the SARL at [www.sarl.org.za](http://www.sarl.org.za) and on packet bulletin boards.

SARL news invites clubs and individuals to submit news items of interest to amateurs to [sarlnews@hotmail.com](mailto:sarlnews@hotmail.com) not later than the Thursday preceding the bulletin date. It would be appreciated if you could do it in both English and Afrikaans.

In the news today:

SILENT KEY

AMATEURS ON STANDBY DURING EARTH SUMMIT CONFERENCE

QSL BUREAU

CLUB NEWS

Stay tuned for more details on these and other news items.

You are tuned to ZS6SRL. Visit the SARL Website or call the SARL office which is open on weekdays from 09:00 to 13:00 at 011 675 2393 for details on how to join, book sales and all related amateur radio activities.

SILENT KEY

It is with regret that the SARL announces the passing away of John Ensor, ZS6BJ at the age of 69 after a long illness and ill health for many years. He was very active in the Southern Suburbs Radio Club as was his late father, Len ZS6BJ. He is survived by his wife Pauline, ZS6APJ. To her, other relatives and friends we extend our deepest sympathies.

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I continue with the rest of the news in detail:

EARTH SUMMIT ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

This massive conference is almost upon us and delegates have been streaming into South Africa since last week. Initially many delegates will make use of the opportunity to visit some of our game parks and other tourist attractions but the real thing starts on Monday the 26th of August.

HAMNET was approached some time back to be available to assist with emergency communication, should the need arise.

During the conference period, there will be at least 3 JOC s or Joint Operational Centres, in Sandton under the control of Jan Schubart, ZS6ARV, Kempton Park under the control of Kobus vd Merwe, ZS6JPY and Pretoria, under the control of Roy Martin, ZS6HH. There will also be at least 2 fully equipped mobile stations to be available should the necessity arise. More vehicles can be called upon if needed. One vehicle will be on standby should we need communications from Lanseria Airport.

HAMNET is required to render emergency communication is association with the S.A.N.D.F as well as the S.A.P.S. The times we are needed are from 08:00 to 16:00 daily at the various centres. Shifts can be arranged between operators but at least one operator, Francois, ZS6BUU will be on call on a 24 hour basis should the need arise during this period.

We sincerely hope that all will run smoothly and that no untoward incident will upset the arrangements. However, it remains a good exercise to check and test our preparedness.

#### QSL BUREAU

The SARL takes pleasure in reporting to the members that good progress was made with the QSL bureau since it was moved to the NARC. During the last two months thousands of cards have been posted, both to local hams and to foreign QSL bureaus and there is practically speaking no backlog left. There are however a few problems remaining and one of them is cards coming in for non-members. The QSL bureau is paid for and operated for the SARL members. The SARL, however, would like hams to join, therefore cards addressed to non-members will be retained until the end of October and will be given to new-members when they join. At the end of October all cards for non-members will be returned to the senders.

The standard size for cards is 90 x 140mm and cards not conforming to this size easily gets damaged in the post. When having cards printed, please ensure that they are 90 x 140 mm.

Cards coming in from foreign QSL bureaus get sorted on Tuesdays and at the moment there are enough volunteers available for this. Cards going out to foreign QSL bureaus are sorted on Thursdays and some additional help on Thursdays (or any other day except Tuesdays) would be most welcome. If you can help, even if is only occasionally on any day of the week, please contact Fritz Sutherland ZS6ASF on Pta dialling code 012 997 1114 or on his cellphone at 083 304 0028.

#### REGISTRATION OF EXAMINATION CENTRES FOR THE OCTOBER RAE

It is necessary that clubs wishing to operate as examination centres for the October RAE, to register before every RAE in order for the correct information to be distributed to the candidates.

For the coming RAE registration can be done on the website of the SARL. Clubs wishing to register should do so before 10 September by sending the necessary information to The Chief Examiner, Rassie Erasmus ZS1YT. This can be done by downloading the form from the website at [www.sarl.org.za](http://www.sarl.org.za), completing it and returning it electronically.

Remember, only affiliated clubs and members of the SARL can be invigilators.

#### JOTA SPECIAL EVENT CALLSIGNS AND REGISTRATION OF EDUCATIONAL STATIONS

Please note the following points:

- a) The onus is on the custodian of the callsign for the payment of these licences.
- b) Please send the details of these licences to Laurie ZS5DL so that he can keep the callbook up to date. There is a difference between the database kept by ICASA and that of the League.

It is almost September and we should already have registered our JOTA station as Educational station which is done once a year so that non-licenced people, that is Guides and Scouts, can communicate on the ham bands. Dave Gemmel ZS6AAW has volunteered to do the necessary paperwork for JOTA and would prefer to receive the forms by fax to 012 667 2153 or e-mail to [davegemmel@bmknet.co.za](mailto:davegemmel@bmknet.co.za).

Please send a reminder of your application not later then 12 October to the above addresses. Dave will then complete the necessary forms and submit same to the SARL before this year s JOTA.

Please note that Dave can only register stations for JOTA and not for any other special events such as Hunting Lions, High School Science days, etc.

The necessary forms for registering as an Educational Club Station can be downloaded from the SARL website [www.sarl.org.za](http://www.sarl.org.za).

#### AWARDS FOR LONG MEMBERSHIP

A certificate for long membership has been awarded to all members of the SARL who have had a continious membership of 10 years or longer. These certificates were mailed with the July/August Radio ZS.

Although the SARL has continually asked members to check their details and notify the SARL if they were omitted or had incorrect details, there are still some members of which the SARL does not have joining dates.

If you are a member of the SARL and was supposed to receive such a certificate and did not, or received a certificate with the wrong details, it is because the SARL did not receive your correct details. Please e-mail your details to [QRM@intekom.co.za](mailto:QRM@intekom.co.za) or contact Rassie at 021 460 3640 and supply your callsign and joining date. Remember that certificates will only be issued to members with a 10 year or longer membership record.

This is the last request to members to submit their details. Information received after 31 August will be stored on the SARL database and certificates will only be issued at a later opportunity.

#### NEXT BAND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Band Planning Committee meeting will be held on Saturday 7th September 2002 at the NARC, and will start at 09:00. This is a meeting for all those interested in the Division 6 area. See you there.

#### CW CONTEST ON THE AIR TODAY

Please don't forget to enter and enjoy the CW contest that takes place today on the usual bands and times.

#### CLUB NEWS

##### MIDLANDS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB COMMITTEE 2002/3

The following committee members were elected for the ensuing year for the Midlands Amateur Radio Club during their AGM held in Pietermaritzburg on Wednesday, 24th July 2002.

Chairman: Rod Radford ZS5RK; Vice Chairman: Wessel du Preez ZS5BLY; Secretary: Linda Myburg ZS5LYN; Treasurer: Bill Norval ZS5KD; Committee Members: Hill Mason ZS5HL, Bert Cornell ZS5MQ and Charles Carr ZS5QR.

##### HIGHWAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The Highway Amateur Radio Club is pleased to announce the election of the following Committee members at their AGM held on 20 August 2002:

Chairman: Lawry Lauf ZS5HV; Vice Chairman: Brad Philips ZS5BP; Treasurer: Lawry Lauf ZS5HV; Secretary: Tony Mayall ZS5GR; Members: Keith Lowes ZS5WFD; Brad Glen ZS5WT; Bruce Taylor ZS5BR; Heather Nel ZS5MN; Dave Holiday ZR5CW; Eric Mawhinney(co-opted).

Sincere thanks go to the outgoing committees for their loyalty and dedication to the task and congratulations to the incoming committees, may you have a prosperous year.

##### WEST RAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The West Rand Amateur Radio Club will hold their Spring Bootsale on Saturday 31st August at their clubhouse in Kroton street Weltevredenpark. The gates will open at 12:00. Should you need more details please contact Dave ZR6AOC on 083 449 8991. See you at the best bootsale in the west.

This bulletin was compiled by Martin, ZS6ABU and read by.....from .....as a service to radio amateurs, short wave listeners and electronic enthusiasts.

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Also join the SARL President's net which is on the air at noon on Sundays on 7082 kHz.

You have been listening to ZS6SRL, thank you for joining us. Also a big word of thanks to those persons supply news for these bulletins and the amateurs who relay the bulletins so regularly.

Goodbye everyone.